

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Eric Bouchard, et al.	:	
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		:	Group No.: 3726
Serial No.:	10/740,070	:	
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		:	Examiner: Eric B. Compton
Filed:	December 18, 2003	:	
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For:	METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR	:	
	MACHINING COMPONENTS	:	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

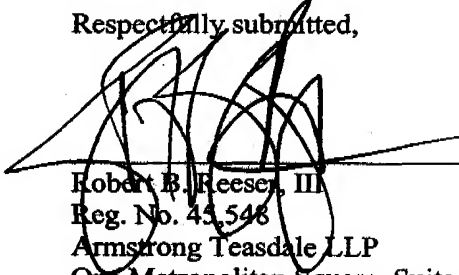
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Office Action mailed June 6, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and the following amendment has been made in consequence thereof. In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application all claims of Group II as identified in the Office Action. Claims 6-20 are in the elected claim group.

The restriction requirement is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups 1-5 and 6-20 clearly are related. It is believed that a thorough search and examination of either claim group would be relevant to the examination of the other group. In addition, requirements for restriction are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Mail Stop: No Fee Amendment**  
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**TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is:
  - Amendment Transmittal (3 pages)
  - Response to Restriction Requirement (1 page)

**STATUS**

2. Applicant
  - ☐ claims small entity status.
  - ☒ is other than a small entity.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response  
within:

Other than small  
entity Fee

Small entity Fee  
(if applicable)

first month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
second month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
third month	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
fourth month	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
fifth month	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

— An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- (b)   X   Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL INDEP.	MINUS		=	x \$25.00 = \$		x \$50.00 = \$
	MINUS		=	x \$100.00 = \$		x \$200.00 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$180.00 = \$		+ \$360.00 = \$
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

- (b) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FEE PAYMENT**

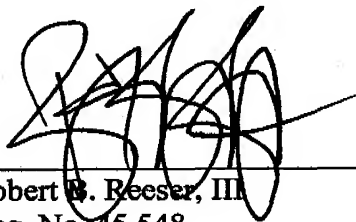
5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

**FEE DEFICIENCY**

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. ☐ Other:



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